

AMERICAN NAVY HAS NO COLLIERIES

In Discussion of Ship Subsidy
Bill, Senator Hale Declares
War Ships Are Helpless

LIKE PAINTED SHIPS UPON A PAINTED OCEAN

Out of Thirty-Seven Collies
With Evans's Fleet, Only
Nine Are American—In
Event of War Navy
Could Not Be
Operated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—The ship subsidy bill passed by the Senate to-day, it is estimated, will result in the construction of a fleet of twelve to sixteen vessels, which will be the allowance under existing law to sixteen vessels. The bill was amended in the Senate to-day, so that it will provide for the construction of a fleet of twelve to sixteen vessels, which will be the allowance under existing law to sixteen vessels. The bill was amended in the Senate to-day, so that it will provide for the construction of a fleet of twelve to sixteen vessels, which will be the allowance under existing law to sixteen vessels.

For Southern Ports.
Immediately after the bill was laid before the Senate, Senator Bacon proposed an amendment providing that one of the subsidized mail lines on the Atlantic coast should touch at two ports south of Cape Charles, Mr. Bacon stated that the bill has a large trade in cotton goods, lumber and naval stores, and he contended that the South American trade in these articles could be built up by better shipping facilities. That trade is now, he said, supplied by tramp ships, which do not bring a return cargo.

South Ignored.
Showing some degree of indignation Senator Bacon said if his amendment was not to be accepted, the bill would be a "painted ship on a painted ocean." He said that the bill discriminated against the Southern States. Senator Gallinger disavowed any intention of such discrimination. "We do not want to bring in any sectional interest in the consideration of this bill," Mr. Gallinger said.

Mr. amendment and remarks are intended to keep out sectional interest," Mr. Bacon said. "I simply called attention to the fact that as now proposed the bill ignores the interest of the South."

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Newlands for the creation of a committee of the Senate on the subject of the Navy, the Postmaster-General and the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, to provide for the construction of twenty-seven vessels at a cost of as many millions of dollars, available as auxiliary vessels for the navy, and to be useful to be used on new lines of transportation on terms satisfactory to the government.

DEMOCRACY GROWING

Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, Declares the
Dominant Party in the South.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Stating that the Democratic representation in the House had steadily increased "since the general election in 1894," Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, to-day predicted that unless all the signs failed to the contrary, the Democratic party would be the dominant party in the House in the near future. Mr. Bartlett described the recent financial crisis, and in that connection said that "the Democratic party, so masterfully wielded to which the Democratic party with its now growing power, would be able to take and some other weapon of defense must be produced."

Taking up the recent speech of Mr. Dailzell, of Pennsylvania, in which he credited Alexander Hamilton with being the founder and framer of the Republican faith, Mr. Bartlett said Mr. Dailzell had resurrected "almost forgotten and disregarded theories of government, which he proudly proclaimed are the doctrines of the Republican party."

Contrasting Hamilton, who, he said, would have given us practically a monarchy, with Jefferson, he said that Jefferson had so discharged his duties that all Americans would decide that the work of drawing the little deal to their liberties devolved upon him.

Mr. Bartlett said he could not content himself with the Republican claim to authorship of railroad rate and anti-trust legislation, and produced documentary evidence to prove that the Democratic party should receive the credit. Addressing the Republicans, Mr. Bartlett declared they had accomplished one thing by their treatment of the Sherman anti-trust law, and that was to destroy the labor unions. "If you are proud of that," he exclaimed, "you are welcome to the distinction."

The destruction of labor interests, he said, had been accomplished by the Republicans of the Senate in voting down the bill to amend the Sherman law. The operations of the Sherman law organizations of labor, organized for the "purpose of lessening the hours of labor or increasing wages."

Mr. Bartlett closed by charging President Roosevelt with the suggestion of Governor Altgeld of Illinois, made in 1896, that railroads be required to pay damages to employees killed or crippled while in the performance of their duties.

AMERICAN FLEET TO VISIT JAPAN

Invitation of Emperor, Ex-
tended to "Big Sixteen," Is
Accepted by President.

CHINA MAY EXTEND A SIMILAR REQUEST

All Other Invitations Will Be
Declined, the Fleet Returning
from the Philippines, After
Target Practice, by Way
of Suez—Only Make
Coaling Stops.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—The American battleship fleet is to visit Japan. The desire of the Emperor of the Island Kingdom to play host to the "big sixteen" was laid before Secretary Root yesterday by Baron Takahira, the Japanese Ambassador. The invitation, which was couched in most cordial terms, was made the subject of extended consideration by President Roosevelt and his cabinet to-day. Secretary Root was directed to accept the invitation, and the acceptance was laid before the Japanese Ambassador late to-day.

It is regarded in official circles here as more than likely that China will be the next to bid for a look at the fleet, and that should this be the case the invitation would be accepted.

Secretary Metcalf and Admiral Pillsbury, Chief of Navigation, are arranging the details of the new itinerary. With the exception of China, it has been determined that all other invitations, should any be received, would be declined, for at best, the fleet will now not be able to reach the Atlantic seaboard before the first of next March.

The itinerary which seems to be the most direct includes stops at the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa, Melbourne, Sydney, Manila, Yokohama—should the port be opened—then to Japan, back to the Philippines, and then home by way of the Suez Canal, with only such stops as are necessary for coaling.

The fall target practice has been planned to occupy a month at Manila, either before or after the visit to Japan. The desire to have the fleet return to its home station may lead to a curtailment of the month planned for Manila.

THREE WERE THERE

Governor and Two of Aspirants to
Succeed Him Attend Banquet.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 20.—Always one of the events of the year in Newport News, the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Warwick to-night was one of the most notable affairs in the chamber's history. Among the guests of honor were Governor Swanson, Congressman William A. Jones, Judge William H. Mann and Hon. Henry C. Stuart, the Governor of the State, the Congressman from the district and two of the three Virginia gubernatorial candidates, Mr. Tucker, the third of the candidates, was unable to attend, and sent his excuses.

The President, Dr. Clarence Porter Jones, presided as toastmaster, and the addresses were as follows: "The Philippines—Their Commercial Value and Their Political Relation to the United States," Hon. William A. Jones.

"Newport News," Hon. R. G. Bickford.

"Optimism Versus Pessimism," Rev. J. W. Porter, D. D.

"The Bar—Its Influence in Legislation," Hon. William H. Mann.

"Virginia," Hon. Henry C. Stuart.

NIGHT RIDERS AT WORK IN VIRGINIA

First Letters of Warning Sent
to Growers in Pied-
mont Section.

DIRE THREATS MADE UNLESS CROP IS POOLED

Notices Posted on Dark, Rainy
Night, and Recipients Are
Concerned—Association
Putting Forth All Efforts
to Prevent
Lawlessness.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ANVILLE, VA., March 20.—A condition of affairs similar to the deeds of the night riders, which have terrorized Kentucky, is threatening in this county, which is the heart of the bright tobacco-growing districts of Virginia and North Carolina, and which is known as the Piedmont section.

The farmers of this section have been engaged for some time in a war against the tobacco trust, and their grievances are practically the same as tobacco growers in Kentucky, but so far they have restrained themselves from any act of violence, and the leaders have urged that the members of the farmers' associations wage their warfare according to the laws of the land.

For the past several days, however, reports have reached the city of numerous threats being made against the tobacco growers of this county who have refused to affiliate with the Tobacco Growers' Association, which is in reality a farmers' union.

The letters received by the farmers who are outside of the regular organization have carried with them threats, and the people are anxiously waiting to see if they will be executed.

W. D. Neal, W. N. Terry, B. L. Terry, J. Fitzgerald and J. J. Motley, all large tobacco raisers, have received letters threatening to dig up their plant beds and deal with them roughly unless they stored tobacco in the dry prison. The notices were placed on the barn of Mr. B. L. Terry at night. The notices were distributed on a very dark and rainy night, and no trace of the messenger could be made.

DR. TREACLE IS ACQUITTED

Plea of Temporary Insanity Sustained
in Trial of Dr. Treacle for
Shooting of Walter Ward.

LANCASTER, C. H., VA., March 20.—The trial of Dr. Henry B. Treacle for shooting Walter Ward last December with intent to kill, which has been in progress in Lancaster Circuit Court for the last three days, ended to-day afternoon in a verdict of acquittal. Contrary to expectations, no additional witnesses were placed on the stand.

By the noon recess the instructions had been agreed on, and immediately afterward, argument was begun. Dr. Treacle, who had decided to plead insanity, opened the prosecution. Thomas J. Downing and Walter Hallaway made able speeches for the defense, basing all their argument on the plea of temporary insanity at the time of the shooting. Commonwealth's Attorney Frank G. Newbill closed for the prosecution in a vigorous speech. The case was given to the jury about 4 o'clock, and after being out thirty minutes the jury returned a verdict of not guilty on the plea of temporary insanity.

There was no demonstration on the part of the audience when the verdict was announced, but Dr. Treacle was warmly congratulated by his friends, on the issue of the terrible ordeal through which he has had to pass.

Immediately after the verdict had been announced, Judge Wright asked counsel on both sides to retire with him for consultation. On returning to the courtroom, Judge Wright announced that he had decided to grant Dr. Treacle under a peace bond for \$500 for six months. The bond was promptly executed, some of the leading lawyers of the county becoming his sureties.

ANTITRUST BILL
Bill Aimed at Tobacco Trust Hits Other
Interests.
[From Our Regular Correspondent.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—It was learned to-day that the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce would consider to-morrow the bill introduced by Representative Stanley, aimed primarily at the tobacco trust, by prohibiting any manufacturer or wholesale dealer from requiring any retailer to contract not to handle the goods of any other firm than those of one of the two parties to the contract.

"Although I had in mind the tobacco trust when I drafted the bill," said Mr. Stanley to-day, "it has stirred up several other trusts, especially the sugar and coffee trusts, and they will unite with the tobacco people in fighting the bill."

DUKE GOES HOME, BUT WILL RETURN

Ambassador Reticent, but It
Is Believed His Highness
Has Proposed.

TRIP TO ROME MAY BE FOR KING'S CONSENT

Announcement of His Engage-
ment to Miss Katherine Elkins
May Be Made Upon His Ar-
rival—Denial of Family
Conference and De-
mand for Income.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—After a flying visit of three days to Washington the Duke of the Abruzzi left at 10 o'clock to-day as unexpected formal proposal of marriage to Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of the duke and the duke's daughter, who is returning to New York to-morrow en route to Italy, sailing, probably by the Cunard liner Lusitania, with his valet. Practically all of the information obtainable at the Italian embassy regarding the duke's future movements is that he will depart from New York to-morrow en route to Italy, sailing, probably by the Cunard liner Lusitania, with his valet. Practically all of the information obtainable at the Italian embassy regarding the duke's future movements is that he will depart from New York to-morrow en route to Italy, sailing, probably by the Cunard liner Lusitania, with his valet.

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For this reason only the scantiest possible information respecting his doings here has been made public.

Want Ambassador Says.
In view of the numerous publications respecting the duke's visit to this country, the Italian ambassador to-day gave out an informal statement bearing on the subject, substantially as follows:

"The vessel is at Spezia, one of the principal Italian ports. The duke, who is expected to-morrow and he goes direct to Rome to take command of his vessel. The duke is leaving on the best terms with all of his acquaintances and friends. To some of them, he has given a sum of money, which he will be back in the near future."

"Therefore statements published here and in various parts of the United States concerning the duke's visit and its result are incorrect. There is a lack of kindness and courtesy."

Reported Demand for \$100,000.
The New York Herald to-day printed the following from its Washington correspondent bearing on this question:

"There was a gathering at the Italian embassy that night, which was attended by Senator and Mrs. Elkins. Senator Elkins is a practical man, and he got to the point of things very quickly. It is said that he is not in favor of American girls wedding foreigners of title anyway, and he looked with some disfavor on an enormous settlement, while he would not for a moment think of giving a regular lady a sum of money. Whether the duke to become a mortgagee wife. With the prospect that there should be a settlement of \$100,000 a year was a condition that the principal, yielding the requisite sum should be deposited in Italy. This meant, at 5 per cent, \$2,000,000. The duke, it is said, has sadly depleted his fortune in the numerous expeditions of travel, adventure and exploration on which he has been engaged. He has essentially been a man of action."

"He has sought the Pole, he has climbed the Mountains of the Moon and he has hunted and explored in Africa. Under Italian law and the private statutes of the royal house of Savoy, arranging a marriage between a prince of the blood and the daughter of a commoner were not at first considered fully. This has been a serious hitch, indeed, and if it were not overcome the American bride of the duke would have to be vested with his title or rank, and instead of living in Rome and being received at court, would reside at Turin."

Duke in Baltimore.
BALTIMORE, MD., March 20.—Miss Elkins left her Washington home shortly after noon for a spin in a new automobile, recently purchased for her by her father. Whether the duke was with her at that time or not is not known here. Arriving here they were met by the hotel Belvidere, where they met Senator Elkins, who dined there with Senator Davis. In the meantime Miss Elkins and the duke entered the tearoom of the hotel where they were soon surrounded by Baltimore friends. Senator Elkins, his daughter and the duke left here for Washington at 4 o'clock. While here Miss Elkins telephoned her whereabouts, and the probable time of her return to her home in Washington.

TAKE TITLE OF HUSBAND
This Provision of Court Etiquette as to
Wives of Cousins of the King.
ROME, March 20.—The Duke of the Abruzzi is returning to Rome, accord-